

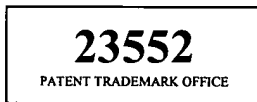
REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4-7, and 9-12. Headings have been added to the specification and a few minor editorial changes have been made to the specification and abstract. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.

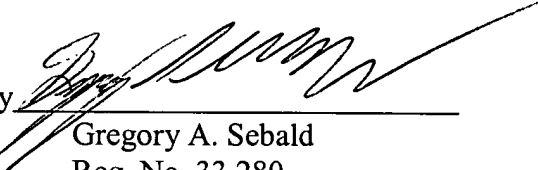
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